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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 7 October 1960

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - September 1960

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1. With the prospective move of the Division into the Matomic Building, FDD will be together with the Office of Operations under one roof for the first time and will remain so, according to announcement to the Division on 28 September. This was to the effect that our move would be permanent and we would no longer need to plan on occupying space in the new Headquarters building in Langley.

However, as the month ended, little progress by GSA in preparation of our new space at 1717 H Street was evident although this area was vacated by State Department on 22 August.

2. Two meetings of the Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held during September. The 22nd meeting on 9 September resulted in general approval of the proposed revision of the FDD reporting system. The 23rd meeting on 28 September approved proposed revisions in the FDD scientific/technical program. The International Geophysical Cooperation report and the Scientific Information Report, both distributed by OIS/Commerce, will, accordingly, be discontinued at the end of December. The SIR will be resumed for the intelligence community under "CONFIDENTIAL" classification and issued in four series: Biology and Medicine, Physics and Mathematics, Chemistry and Metallurgy, Electronics and Engineering. The next Committee meeting will discuss the nonscientific Russian program on 4 November.

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3. [] has been named FDD's representative to the ONE Task Force on Sino-Soviet Relations. Fields of interest of this Task Force have been specifically outlined by [] of ONE and FDD has agreed to expedite transmittal at least once each week of all information bearing on these fields.

4. At a meeting on 16 September with IR/OCR and ORR representatives, agreement was reached on methods by which FDD may provide a steady flow of information on industrial plant data. Much of this information will be supplied [] while other industrial information will be provided in regular reports by Headquarters []

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5. Afro-Asian press comment on action needed regarding Tibet was urgently requested by FE/DD/P for use of the US delegation to the United Nations. We were able to supply a large quantity of original press clippings with brief summary translations where required.

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7. [REDACTED] were assigned on 24 September to assist State Department Security at the UN General Assembly.

8. Chief, FDD, conducted his semi-annual talks with the personnel of the Division during the week of 19 September.

The Chief also discussed retirement policy and plans with those members of the Division for whom the subject is currently important.

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9. A 13 September agreement with ORR stipulates that FDD will not honor any verbal request for a collated report from ORR personnel. Approval by ST/I/ORR of such a requirement is necessary. [REDACTED]

10. The Division's annual UGF campaign got under way with [REDACTED] as "key man."

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11. The CTS caught 5,900 pages of proposed duplicative translation during September while adding 3,271 new items to its files.

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12. An orientation course, "A Survey of Africa," was given in four lectures, 26-29 September, to selected Europe/Africa Branch and other Division personnel by [REDACTED]. A similar series of lectures, "An Introduction to Eastern Europe," will be given in October.

13. Recently completed collated reports of interest:

Press Information on Sino-Soviet Bloc Activities in Indonesia, Summary 2673. Describes activities of Bloc representatives between April and June 1960 in the political, economic and cultural categories.

Rural Communes in Kiangsi and Hopeh, June 1959 - April 1960, Summary 2675. A case study of these two provinces to reflect the development, organization and problems of the commune system.

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The Food Problem in China 1959-1960, Summary 2790. Based solely on published evidence, this intensive study tends to show that a food shortage in China is real and may not be easily alleviated in the near future.

Chinese Communists Impose "Democratic Reform" in Tibet, Summary 2774. Dispossession of landlords, land reform, political indoctrination and the formation of mutual aid teams.

Organization and Administration of Economic Organizations in Yugoslavia, Summary 2788. Explains legal status, types of enterprises, organization and administration, association, resources, insurance, and regulation.

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Enclosures:

1. Statistical Report
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